GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:103
ANSWERED ON:27.11.2000
CONSTITUTION OF TECHNOLOGY MISSION TO INCREASE PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a technology mission has been constituted to increase the production of oilseeds in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the oilseeds included in this technology mission and whether coconut is also inducted in this list;

(d) if so, the details of schemes formulated to increase the productivity of coconut in Kerala during the last three years; and

(e) the total allocation made for implementation of these schemes alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.103 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27TH NOVEMBER, 2000 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Technology Mission on Oilseeds was set up in 1986 in order to meet the domestic requirement of edible oil so that the country was not dependant on the import of edible oils. This was to be done through adoption of integrated and Mission mode approach to production and processing technology, input services support and storage, marketing and processing support etc.

(c): The Oilseeds included under the Technology Mission are Groundnut, Rapeseed-Mustard, Soybean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Safflower, Niger, Linseed, Oil Palm and Castor. Coconut has not been included under the Technology Mission, but is covered under Price Support Scheme.

(d): Keeping in view the importance of Coconut it is being specifically Handled by the Coconut Development Board. The Board has been Implementing the following schemes to increase productivity of Coconut in Kerala during the last three years:-

1. Production and distribution of quality planting material.

2. Expansion of area under coconut.

3. Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity Improvement.

(e): The total allocation made for implementation of these schemes along with the expenditure incurred for the last three years is as follows:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Total allocation	Expenditure
1997-98	840.675	1027.734
1998-99	1040.890	1053.140
1999-2000	814.675	799.952